

Woodbrook Early Education

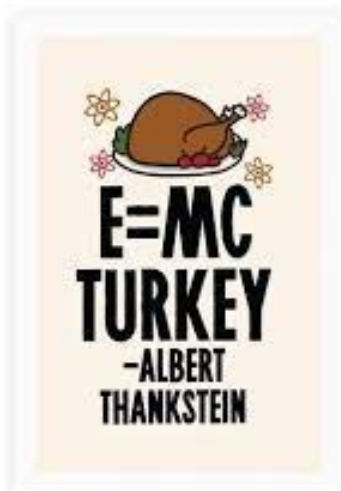
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Wow- November! I always feel like we begin fall and it just starts to fly by and before you know it, it's holiday season. For some of our children, this will be the first holidays that they will really begin to understand what is happening. This is especially true for our older friends. The better remember extended family and start to become aware of traditions.

As we head into this season, it's a good reminder of the importance of gratitude. We often ask children to say thank for things but we also need to take a step back and really look at how we teach them thankfulness in a way that is as tangible as possible.

There are several ways we can begin to teach this to preschoolers. First, make sure you model your gratitude in front of your child. Try to always say thank you to people you encounter at stores, businesses, etc. Also, make sure you thank your child when they do something kind or helpful in the house. Even better, express why you are thankful for your child in general.

Another way to help children learn gratitude is to set a time aside each day to express what they are thankful for. I love the idea of having your child express their favorite part of the day and their least favorite part of the day at the dinner table. It's important to acknowledge the things that aren't the best so that we better appreciate the great things/times as well. Having your child help with chores in the home also helps them learn about thankfulness. It will help them understand that working as a family takes teamwork and is sometimes hard. They can take for granted the things you do for them if they don't also have to contribute to the family. For preschoolers, this can be as simple as cleaning up their own things, helping set the table, put their dishes in the sink, help put away their laundry.



It's also important that you sometimes say no to your child. I know sometimes it's easier to say yes and can avoid those meltdowns in the store but it also makes them feel like they always deserve something. By saying no, it better helps them appreciate when you say yes. Try and avoid comparing yourself or your things to those around you-at least in front of your child. It's easy to say, oh I wish I had a car like them or that house, etc. Your child will start to be envious of others things if that is modeled for them. Instead focus on the things you do have and be thankful for them. It can be as simple as expressing how nice it is to be home with them.

Finally, help your child be part of the gift giving process. Have them help select things for family members and/or help by wrapping or drawing a picture. Have them help in preparing a special dish to take to a family gathering. You can have them make something for our community helpers and go together to drop it off. The children will learn to be thankful for those around them and how their generosity is also appreciated by others.

I know there are so many things to remember and keep track of during this busy season. Help make as many opportunities as possible, learning and growing opportunities for your children. The rewards for them and you will be so great if you are able to spend.



RED Room

Happy Fall to the Red Room Families!

Fall is here. Cooler weather is here. It is time to put on our jackets. We are enjoying learning and playing at school with our friends each day. In Science we welcomed Fall with Ms. Dawn, we talked about how we don't see the wind but it is all around us. Ms. Dawn used a bucket that blew "wind" at us and tried to knock a cup off our head.

On Thursday, November 2nd, we will have a first of two parent teacher conferences. We have enjoyed getting to know your child these first couple months in the Red Room. Please look for the sign-up sheet outside the Red Room and sign up for this special time to talk with the Red Room teachers. We would love to meet with you and get to know you better as we share your child's accomplishments, fun stories, and learning that has happened so far in the Red Room so far this year.

In the month of October, we talked about pets. We talked about different pets that people have and how to care for pets. We pretended to be veterinarians in dramatic play. We incorporated shapes and letters into our learning as we feed a dog alphabet letter bones. Also, we had a dog jump on a shaped bone and we named the shape that was on the bone. During National Fire Safety week, we practiced dialing 911 on a phone made of paper. We had to get the orange felt "fire" off our clothes as we practiced stop, drop and roll. We looked for and counted the fire safety equipment we saw around our school. We found so many fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, sprinklers, and pull stations at the WEE. The Baltimore County firefighters from Towson visited the WEE. They put on their firefighter uniform to show us how they not scary and how they are here to help us. We walked around the firetruck and looked at the tools, ladders, and equipment that is on their firetruck. We ended the firefighters visit with us by climbing on the firetruck, sitting in the seat of the firetruck, and pretending to be a firefighter. We finished off the month of October learning about the season of Fall and different food that grow in the Fall. We talked about the four seasons and the changes that happen during each season. We talked about the changes that happen in Fall outside, the different clothes we wear in the Fall, and what animals do in the Fall to get ready for winter. We put Velcro leaves on a tree in dramatic play. We counted the correct number of leaves on each number tree. We fed each squirrel the correct shaped acorn. We talked about apples and pumpkins. We looked at these foods, touched them, and talked about how they grow. We will start the month of November talking about community helpers and the jobs they do to help us. After this unit, we will talk about bible friends. We will finish the month of November talking about the first Thanksgiving that pilgrims, and Native Americans enjoyed together. Also, we will talk about what we are thankful for. On Tuesday, November 21st, we will have a Thankful Lunch, stay tuned for details.

As the Red Room teachers, we want to thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift, your child. We love coming into school to learn, grow, and play with your child each day. We are grateful to be on the adventure with you and your child this year.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO: Margot (11/17) and Josiah 11/19)

Love, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Karen, Ms. Sharon, and Ms. Aleia



Happy Thanksgiving

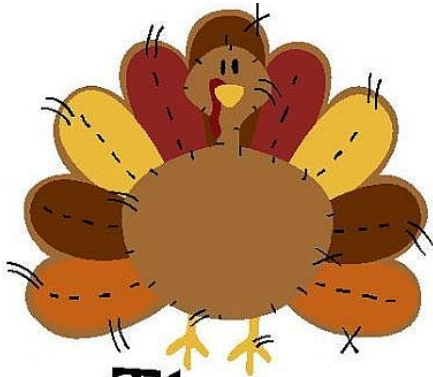
YELLOW Room

October went by so fast! In November we will be enjoying our nature walks and looking for signs of Fall. We will learn about the Pilgrims and Native Americans and how they worked together. We look forward to dressing like Pilgrims for our class Thankful Lunch. We will also be having fun reading in a Tee Pee, and learning how the Native Americans lived.

In November we will also learn about our 5 senses and how we use them every day. We will continue to work on our letter of the week. The children are amazing at learning the signs for the letters. Scissor skills will be used a lot in November as we make Fall crafts. We will also continue working on numbers and patterns. We will also discuss family and being thankful. Our Thankful Lunch will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11/21/2023. Stay tuned for details.

Happy November Birthday to: Iris on 11/5, Ms. Jordan on 11/7, Akari on 11/9, and Cooper on 11/20!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Bess and Ms. Judi



Happy Thanksgiving

BLUE ROOM

Hello Blue Room Families,

November has been a busy month as we get ready to celebrate our special holidays. The weather has started to get cooler and feel more like Fall. We will continue to talk about Fall as we observe the leaves changing colors. We are still working on our Pledge of Allegiance, our calendar, weather, as well as learning the days of the week and months of the year. We will also talk about the seasons changing. We continue to work hard to follow directions, listen the first time, use good manners, and build good friendships. Our November themes will include Senses, Emotions, and Thanksgiving.

In Math we will start learning our number recognition and counting. In Language Arts we will introduce on opposites and introduce rhyming words. We are still working on letters (F, G, H, & I) and will review A-E. We also continue to build our fine motor and cutting skills/scissor control. Also in November we will talk about family values and the importance of family. Before Thanksgiving we will have a class "Thankful Lunch." Thank you for sharing your children with us. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Love, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Ellie Ms. Celina & Ms. Angela



Green Room

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner! The Green Room has been very busy during the month of October. We have had a lot of fun learning about: life on a farm, the season of fall, the four seasons, recognizing numbers, letter sounds, and fire safety.

During the month of November our themes will be: the harvest, Nutrition and Food Groups, and Thanksgiving. The skills we will be working on during November will be: Working on the letters: Vv, Mm, and Nn. We will learn the sounds the letters make and how to write the letters. The children will learn initial sounds in words. We will identify how many beats or syllables are in words. We will learn how to count by tens and will continue to learn about the Ten Frame and how to recognize numbers on the Ten Frame. We will learn a new AAB pattern. The children will learn how to compare and contrast two items. (Identifying things that are the same and different about two objects). We will also work on predicting the outcome of a story.

A couple of independent skills we have been encouraging the children to do are: blowing noses and washing hands afterwards, and putting jackets or sweaters on by themselves. We introduced the children to “The Flip” method for putting on jackets, etc. Place the jacket on the floor with the hood or collar by the feet, put arms in the sleeves, and flip it over your head. The jacket is on! 😊

As always, we will continue to encourage positive communication between friends in order to enhance healthy social relationships. We will also engage in lessons about being thankful for our many blessings. Speaking of being thankful, we are so grateful to be teaching your children! They bring us much joy and laughter. May God bless your families. Happy Thanksgiving!

***Happy Birthday to Miyu on 11/10, Luke on 11/20,
Corey on 11/17, and Annabel on 11/24!***

With hope and love.

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Dawn



PURPLE ROOM

Hello Purple Room Families,

We hope this finds everyone healthy and enjoying the changing colors of autumn. October seemed to come and go so quickly! In November, we will be talking a lot about being thankful and grateful for the people and things in our lives. We are very grateful that your children are at WEE, and thankful they are with us this school year. We will also be discussing kindness... how to use kind words in different situations, how to treat others respectfully, how to help others, how to be a good friend and classmate, etc.

A kindness bucket will make an appearance in our Purple room as well, giving students the opportunity to add a pom-pom to the bucket when they are “caught being kind”. Once full, the class will earn a special reward (extra outdoor recess, an additional playroom recess, a longer center time...) We will learn about Thanksgiving (thankfulness, harvest, sharing), and family, and hopefully, animal hibernation.

We will begin with our letter focus with: Vv, Ww, Mm, and Nn... including practice with initial sounds, properly forming each letter when tracing, and trying to write them on our own. Our number focus will be on #'s 6, 7, 8, and 9. We will introduce simple rhyming words and opposites, and begin counting by 10's. We will focus on the AAB pattern and begin to recognize our last names in print! These skills will continue into December as well.

Additionally, we will begin sequencing 3-4 picture cards in order. We will make shapes, letters, and numbers in shaving cream, which is fun way to practice writing/drawing. We are working hard to use a preferred pincher grip with crayons, markers, and pencils, as well as write our name with just one upper case letter, and the rest lower case!

To strengthen finger/hand muscles, we've been tearing paper, making tiny balls of tissue paper, using tweezers for transferring small items, using playdough, transferring water with turkey basters from bowl to bowl, and more. We will complete several Thanksgiving crafts in November too (even be an at home project to complete our giant wall turkey)!!

Happy November Birthday to Kallie on 11/20!

We wish you and your families a peaceful and very
Happy Thanksgiving

With Gratitude and Love, Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate



SCIENCE

We have been exploring the stages of matter: liquids, solids, and gas!

The 2's have been using their fine motor skills to use pipettes and squeeze bottles.

The 3's and 4's have been hypothesizing (guessing) and predicting what will happen. The 4's have enjoyed writing and drawing what we did in Science in their journals.

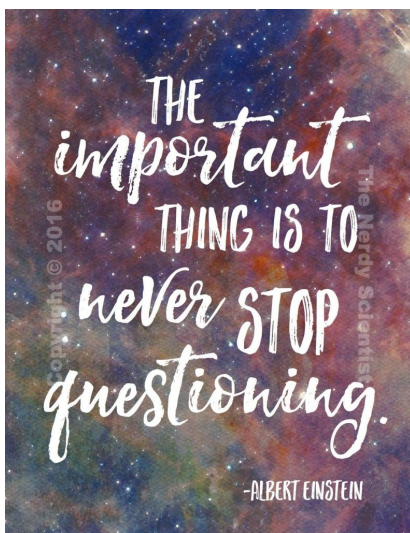
We have been learning that liquid and gas take the shape of its container and a solid can change shape if something happens to it.

We have also been learning about absorption and had so much fun making an upside down volcano!

Your children are amazing! They like to think and guess and be surprised! Next month we will be looking at force (using energy to do something such as swing a bat, magnets, push & pull) and motion (a change in position because of a force).

"Every child has the scientist's sense of wonder and awe."

~Carl Sagan



MUSIC

In music we love to play instruments and dance and move with scarves. We are learning about rhythm and sounds and have been singing our new Football song!. We will begin to learn our Thanksgiving songs. Songs like "Thanksgiving Day" and "We are thankful" are songs that we have been teaching and learning for more than 30 years! We also enjoy learning The Turkey Dance. At the same time we are learning our Thanksgiving songs, we will begin to learn our Christmas songs for our Christmas program on December 15th at 9:30am in the sanctuary. The holidays are upon us! JOY!!!!

ART

The children have come a long way in these first few months of art. Most of them can now identify the primary colors and which colors to mix to make secondary colors. They have been exposed to many new artists. They might not always remember the names of the artists but we are laying the foundation for their love and appreciation of many different kinds of art and artists.

All the children were introduced to 3D art and model magic last month when we made our pumpkin patches. We will continue using model magic in November to make spiders, turkeys and pumpkin pies. The 3s and PK will be learning about artist and environmentalist, John Audubon, when making their turkey sculptures. They will also be learning about vertical and horizontal lines when making their checkered tablecloths for their pumpkin pies to sit upon.

The Red Room has been focusing a lot on learning their colors and some color mixing. We have been doing a lot of painting with stamps and sponges. This month we will begin working on some new skills like using glue sticks and painting with brushes.



BOX TOPS

Please continue to save your box tops. Save your receipts and scan them into the Box Top App. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center.

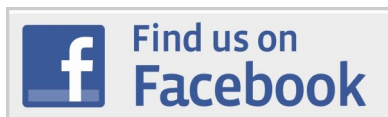


Dates to Remember

Thursday & Friday	November 9th and 10th	PICTURE DAYS
Tuesday & Wednesday	November 20th & 21st	Thankful Lunches
Wednesday	November 22nd	WEE Closed/ Thanksgiving Break Begins
Monday	November 27th	WEE Reopens

Upcoming Dates in December/January

● Wednesday	December 13th	WEE Christmas Program (Details to come)
● Friday	December 15th	WEE Closes at 12 noon
● December 18th-January 1st		WEE Closed/Christmas Break
Tuesday	January 2, 2024	WEE Reopens
Monday	January 8, 2024	In-house 2024-2025 Registration Begins



The Woodbrook Early Education Center
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ACTC Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
Requested Items: *sweet potatoes/yams
*canned fruit *canned vegetables
*cranberry sauce * macaroni & cheese
*instant mashed potatoes *brownie/cake
mix *stuffing mix *rice



FOOD DRIVE

Please place donations in boxes by the
WEE doors

November 1st-15th
Help those in need

THANKSGIVING CHECKLIST (No substitutions, please!) Drop off by Nov 15

- 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz)
- 1 large can fruit (20-30 oz)
- 4 cans vegetables (e.g., green beans, peas, or corn; 15 oz each)
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 pkg. macaroni & cheese
- 1 box or 3 pouches instant mashed potatoes (13.3 or 13.75 oz)
- 1 brownie or cake mix
- 1 bag or box stuffing mix
- 1 bag or box rice (16 oz)

COMPLETE

(All items are checked)

INCOMPLETE

(Circle any items above that are missing)

STEPS FOR PACKING

- Use a reusable grocery bag with a flat bottom
- Pack large cans on bottom and lighter items on top.
- Mark bags as COMPLETE or INCOMPLETE, (mark what is missing)

Prepacked Bags Available Nov 1

Giant Supermarket Timonium

(across from the Fairgrounds)

2145 York Road

Timonium, MD 21093

410-308-3868

Lenny Schlossenberg, Manager

Giant Supermarket Baltimore

(across from the Drumcastle Center)

6340 York Road

Baltimore, MD 21212

410-377-2673

Ricky McCloud, Acting Manager

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37 Aylesbury, Road

Timonium, MD 21093

410-308-8700

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Towson, MD 21286

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